

February 12, 2003

Honorable Michael Powell
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20544

RE: CC Docket No. 01-338, Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers

Dear Chairman Powell,

As an active business in San Diego County employing over 14,000 individuals with temporary and permanent positions, Manpower of San Diego County and Riverside County urges you and the FCC to lift the current unbundling requirements plaguing the telecommunications industry.

The profitability and viability of businesses like Manpower is threatened by a weak telecommunications industry because efficient and effective communications are the backbone of our business. We need an unfettered and competitive telecom marketplace, and your action can guarantee that by removing costly and unfair regulations. This action will undoubtedly encourage investment as well as the speedy deployment in new technologies that are invaluable to our customers and us. In turn, we will be able to put more Americans to work here in San Diego County

In short, we can expect better products and services from our telecom provider if they are not slowed by inefficient regulations. As a past Chairman of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, I support a free enterprise system that rewards investment. I am hopeful that you will as well.

Thank you,

Mel Katz
President
Manpower

Cc: Commissioner Abernathy
Commissioner Adelstein
Commissioner Martin
Commissioner Copps